

Winter Storm Update from DESPP / DEMHS AT 11:00 AM...

No Significant Changes to the Forecast at this time...

#### STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - ACTIVATED

At 10:45 AM radar and surface reports indicated that the light rain has changed over to wet snow across most of the state. The snow is beginning to stick to rural roads in Western CT and the hills of Northeastern CT. Most of the highways and valley roads are still only wet. Temperatures have fallen into the mid 30's inland and into the upper 30's along to the coast. The changeover is expected to continue for most of the state during the next 30 minutes except for the Southeastern Coast where the rain is expected to continue.

This Afternoon...As the snowfall intensity increases road conditions at most elevations along and to the Northwest of I-84 are expected to deteriorate during the early afternoon with more rapid deterioration expected in the higher elevations. A rain / snow line is forecast to form along the Southeast Coast by 1:00 PM and move as far inland as the Hartford to New Haven corridor by 7:00 PM. A wide band of sleet is also expected to form along the changeover line and may impact most of Central CT this afternoon. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is currently expected to range from minor along the coast, minor to moderate in valley locations and moderate to major in the highest elevations of the NW and NE Hills. Many roads in Central and Western CT are expected to be slush or snow/sleet covered by 4:00 PM. The wet snow is currently expected to taper off this evening between 8:00 - 11:00 PM. Snowfall is forecast to range from little or no accumulation at the Central and Southeastern Coasts, 2 - 3" along the Southwest Coast and Southeastern CT, 4 - 7 in the Central Valley's, 5 - 10" in the Northeast Hills and 8 - 14" in the Northwest Hills. The amount of accumulation will depend greatly on elevation with locations above 500 feet receiving much more accumulation than the valleys and hilltops above 1,000 feet receiving the greatest amounts. Roadways are expected to receive about half the accumulation of the grassy areas in most towns. North winds during the storm may cause some power outages both at the SE Coast and where the wet snow weighs down on tree limbs. North winds are forecast to be sustained at 15 MPH with gusts to 35 MPH in most towns and up to 50 MPH along the Southeast coast. No significant coastal flooding is expected. The overall impact of this event is expected to be moderate (possibly major in the NW and NE Hills) for travel and minor for power outages.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor the latest forecasts and will send out another update at 1:00 PM this afternoon.